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SUBJ: UNDESIRABLE VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

1. FOLLOWING EXCHANGE TOOK PLACE IN COMMONS QUESTION PERIOD JUNE 2 BETWEEN DEREK BLACKBURN (NDP ONTARIO) AND IMMIGRATION MINISTER ANDRAS: (BEGIN EXCHANGE TEXT)

BLACKBURN: I HAVE A QUESTION FOR THE MINISTER OF MANPOWER AND IMMIGRATION. IN VIEW OF THE REPORT THAT A MR. TAN DOI NGUYEN, A FORMER SOUTH VIETNAMESE BANKER WAS IN SAIGON JAIL AS LATE AS APRIL 14 ON CHARGES OF FRAUD AND NARCOTICS SMUGGLING AND NOW HAS REPORTEDLY REAPPLIED OR IS SEEKING RE-ENTRY INTO CANADA, HAS THE MINISTER CONDUCTED AN INVESTIGATION INTO THIS MAN'S ACTIVITIES OR CAN HE ASSURE THE HOUSE THAT HE WILL CONDUCT SUCH AN INVESTIGATION?

ANDRAS: WE ARE LOOKING INTO ALL THESE ALLEGATIONS. WHEN WE HAVE A CLEAR PICTURE ON ANY OF THEM THAT ARE PERTINENT WE WILL BE GLAD TO GIVE THE INFORMATION TO THE HON. MEMBER.

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BLACKBURN: IN VIEW OF THE REPORTS THAT A MR. TRANG

SHI TAN, A FORMER CHIEF OF THE SPECIAL BRANCH OF THE SAIGON POLICE, AMONG OTHER TOP SAIGON OFFICIALS, WISHES TO SEEK ENTRY INTO CANADA AND IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT A MR. COCHRANE (SIC) WHO REPORTEDLY WORKED CLOSELY WHILE IN SAIGON WITH THE CHIEF OF COVERT CIA ACTIVITIES IN VIETNAM, A COLONEL LONSDALE (SIC), IS NOW THE UNITED STATES CONSUL IN MONTREAL (SIC), I MUST ASK THE MINISTER TO CONSIDER CONDUCTING A THOROUGH AND PUBLIC INVESTIGATION INTO THE BACKGROUNDS OF ALL SOUTH VIETNAMESE WHO SEEK ENTRY INTO CANADA AND WHO HELD SENSITIVE GOVERNMENT OR BUSINESS POSTS IN SAIGON BEFORE THE LAST REGIME?

ANDRAS: MR. SPEAKER, WE WILL TAKE THE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS TO PROTECT THE NATIONAL INTEREST. I WANT TO SAY, HOWEVER, THAT THE NATURE OF REFUGEE MOVEMENTS IS SUCH THAT WE HAVE TO OPERATE WITHOUT THE TOTAL FORMALITIES THAT WE DO IN ORDINARILY CHECKING ADMISSION TO CANADA OF PEOPLE WHO APPLY FOR RESIDENT STATUS. (END EXCHANGE TEXT)

2. BLACKBRUN LATER TOLD PRESS HE HAD INFORMATION THAT LT. GEN. DANG VAN QUANG PLANNED TO LEAVE CANADA AT OWN VOLITION. HE DID NOT GIVE SOURCES.

3. IN RESPONSE TO QUERIES, EMBASSY HAD TOLD PRESS THAT MR. CORCORAN IS CONGEN IN QUEBEC CITY, IS A CAREER FSO OF SOME 30 YEARS SERVICE, AND HAS NO OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES. PORTER

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